

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Michael J. McKenzie has devoted 26 years of public service to the state of South Dakota and the Bureau of Personnel; and,

Whereas, Mike has reached eligibility to retire from the state of South Dakota and pursue other opportunities; and,

Whereas, Mike has been instrumental in the Highway Patrol hiring process for state troopers for many years through test development and administration, and recruitment and selection to ensure the "best of the best" are selected to protect and serve South Dakota citizens; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Michael J. McKenzie served his country well through his service in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974; and,

Whereas, Mike has participated as a faithful servant of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, St. Joseph School and the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight and District Deputy; and,

Whereas, Mike shows his community support by serving as "Chief Grill Man" for Community State Day and Blizzard Sale volunteer, dispensing BS spirit wherever he goes; and,

Whereas, Mike is a loving and devoted husband and father to his wife, Janet, and daughters, Katie, Jillian and Maranda, and is looking forward to being a doting Grandpa; and,

Whereas, Mike is always willing to dress up as the "Grim Reaper" to honor notable birthdays in the office, but may want to discontinue this practice in his new job at Medical Associates Clinic; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to commend Mike for his outstanding service to the state of South Dakota on the occasion of his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2007, as


MICHAEL MCKENZIE DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State